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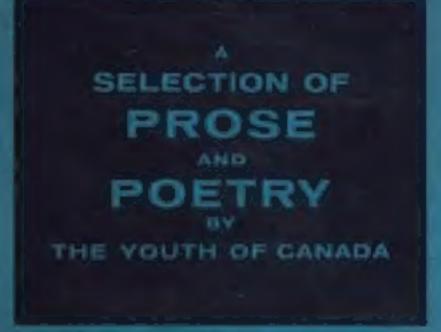














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THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Across the darkened sky they flash in splendour Dancing, flitting, then eerily dashing away Reds and greens and blues all ever changing The autora borealis, like a jewelled spray.

Quickly do they come and quick do they depart Weirdly lighting up the heavens as they flee These ever changing ribbons of glory and of awe Like moonlight on a stormy billowing sea.

Their mysteries are unknown and their tales have not been heard,

Of the bleak and frozen land from whence they rise, The glorious Northern Lights of the barren Arctic lands, The midnight rainbow of the Northern skies.

> DALE FRY, Yiskon

WENDIGO

There's a night in an Indian legend Where the Wendigo walks again: A chieftain killed once in a battle Who brings his revenge to men.

The conditions are right for the Wendigo When thunder racks the sky; Mothers clasp loved ones to heaving breasts And pray he'll pass them by. The brave and dauntless warrior
Hides a tear that blinds his eye
For the lightning is bright, and the thunder right
And perhaps his baby will die.

Oh, what grief so poignant!

A heavy cross to bear

When the baby starts to whimper

And they sense that 'he' is there.

Every louder clap of thunder Is answered with a sigh For the Wendigo is seeking For a baby who will die.

Oh, such agony of feeling
In the heart he fills with dread!
Each moment is so precious
Just one kiss before he's dead!

A vigil of pain, a night of grief For they know that a haby must die: Evil walks with the Wendigo When thunder racks the sky.

> VALERIE FINDLAY, Ontario

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